

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12 and 18-21 as directed to a non-elected invention. Also, cancel claims 14-17. Amend claim 13 as follows:

1. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended): A method for ~~identifying~~ isolating pancreatic ducts containing proliferating pancreatic duct cells ~~using PDX-1 as a marker~~, comprising:

- (a) contacting a pancreatic ducts ~~containing proliferating pancreatic duct cells~~ with a reagent an antibody that binds to PDX-1; and
- (b) detecting ~~the contact~~, binding of the antibody; and
- (c) isolating the pancreatic ducts that bind to the antibody;

wherein the ~~detection identifies~~ binding indicates that the pancreatic duct as containing contains proliferating pancreatic duct cells, and wherein the proliferating pancreatic duct cells are stem/progenitor cells common to pancreatic cells and liver cells.

14. – 21. (Cancelled)